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As you can see from the Governor's comments in our newsletter, California is about to receive a fairly sizable increase in funds this year from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). For example, our share of the Port Security Grant Program for fiscal year 2008 more than doubled from FY '07 to almost \$65 million dollars. And California's share of the Transit Security Grant Program is up six million in FY '08 to \$41.5 million dollars.

The Governor's efforts to end the cuts over the last several years to the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) were successful and we are happy to report that there will be an increase in the SHSGP funding available nationwide this fiscal year. This is very good news for California and our partners who depend on this grant funding throughout California.

Changes this year to the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant program were also beneficial to California. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has added the Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario metropolitan area to the list of urban areas eligible to compete for a share of \$352 million in available "Tier Two" UASI grant funds.

Our "Tier One" urban areas centering in Los Angeles-Long Beach and San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose will be part of a handful of major urban areas that will receive shares of \$430 million in available UASI funding for FY 08. In addition, the Los Angeles and San Francisco Bay areas are now also eligible for funding under a new program called the Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPG).

The great work in the Sacramento, San Diego and Anaheim-Santa Ana urban areas was also recognized in their continued eligibility for UASI grant funding. We were, however, disappointed that California's sixth

largest city, Fresno, and this growing urban area was not reinstated for eligibility for UASI grant funding this year. As one of the fastest growing metropolitan areas with important interests from agriculture to military infrastructure, we will continue to press for their inclusion in the UASI grant program next year.

With the Governor's leadership, we have been very upfront with our friends in Washington, D.C. that California deserves its fair share of these funds to meet its many prevention, protection and preparedness needs. It's nice to see these efforts pay off. You can help us with these ongoing efforts if you also take the time to thank members of our congressional delegation as you see them for their support and demonstrate to them what great work has been done in their districts with these important grants.

I also want to take this opportunity to again promote individual and regional applications under the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) program. DHS just announced and opened the

AFG grant application period, which runs from **March 3, 2008 to April 4, 2008 (5pm EST)**.

The AFG program provides financial assistance directly to fire departments and Emergency Medical Service (EMS) organizations. Apart from providing grants for traditional fire fighting and emergency response equipment and vehicles, applications can also be submitted that will promote regional integration, interoperable communications, mutual aid agreements, and equipment compatibility. This is a competitive grant program and each eligible department can submit up to three separate applications! An application can be submitted for: 1) operations and safety; 2) vehicle acquisition and 3) a

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regional project.

For example, some recent successful grant applications submitted by fire departments in San Diego County, Big Sur, Chester, Gonzales, Los Banos, and Rescue allowed them to purchase new fire engines. Milpitas upgraded its protective equipment for first responders. El Dorado Hills received \$900,000 for training. Gazelle received a grant for one million dollars to upgrade interoperable communications for the first responders in their community.

As you can see, these grants are an excellent opportunity to leverage state and local investments to enhance, improve and upgrade our capabilities and resources. Given our ongoing collective efforts to improve interoperable communications throughout California, this is another timely financial resource to help support your local and regional interoperable communication projects.

FEMA, in partnership with OES and OHS, have been conducting regional grant application workshops throughout California again this year. We still have some upcoming workshops in both Southern and Northern California before the April 4th deadline. Dates, places and times for these workshops are available at <http://www.firegrantsupport.com/workshop/display/workshops.aspx>

You can obtain the AFG grant guidance for review and submit applications at www.firegrantsupport.com. Along with FEMA Region IX, both OHS and OES are also here to help provide you with technical assistance for your grant application. If you have any questions or requests for assistance, please contact: Kim Zagaris (916-845-8711; kim.zagaris@oes.ca.gov) or Charley Hurley (916-845-8729; charley_hurley@oes.ca.gov) at the Office of Emergency Services Fire and Rescue Branch or Larry Davis (916-323-7616; Larry.Davis@ohs.ca.gov) at the Office of Homeland Security Grants Management Division.

I strongly encourage every community to look at the AFG guidance and work together to consider submitting competitive grant applications under any or all of the three eligible funding categories. California will only receive its fair share of this available funding if individual departments take the initiative to submit grant applications. Hopefully, with increased awareness, additional technical assistance and your collective hard work, we will see our share of this funding increase dramatically this year.

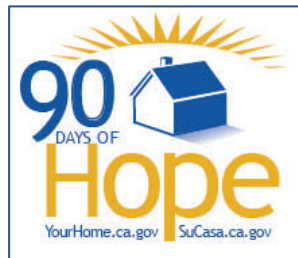
Please do not hesitate to let our OHS team members know how we can help you to do your jobs better. Thank you for all that you do each and every day to protect California and make it such a great place to live, work and thrive.



Governor's Schwarzenegger's 90 Days of Hope

A half million Californians have non-traditional mortgage loans that will jump to higher rates in the next two years. Many Californians are having trouble paying their mortgages and some of these families will lose their homes to foreclosure without ever seeking help, causing great financial strain on our communities, cities and state budget.

90 Days of Hope is an ongoing public education campaign to raise awareness of the options homeowners have to possibly avoid foreclosure. 90 days represents the average amount of time a homeowner has to take action after they are informed that their interest rate is set to increase. 90 days of missed payments often equals a foreclosure. It's also the approximate amount of time that it can take to work out new payment options for those who proactively contact their lenders before any payments are missed. The Governor's aggressive campaign features real California families who struggled with foreclosure offering others a path to real solutions and providing real hope.



In 2007, Governor Schwarzenegger formed the Interdepartmental Task Force on Non-Traditional Mortgages making California one of the first states in the nation to form a task force to examine the alarming developments in the non-traditional mortgage market. The task force consists of leadership from two cabinet agencies – Business, Transportation & Housing and State & Consumer Services Agency – and numerous departments responsible for all aspects of this complex issue. The task force successfully lobbied Congress to raise federal loan limits so that more California families can take advantage of these secure products, rather than relying on subprime loans. Currently, the task force is working to ensure California homeowners and organizations see their fair share of the recent federal counseling funding package. The task force will continue to advise the Governor on ways to increase protections for Californians who own or plan to purchase homes and to expand affordable housing opportunities.

Here is how to get help:
Call 1-888995-HOPE or visit
www.yourhome.ca.gov

Governor's Office of Homeland Security Announces \$40 Million for Port Security from Proposition 1B Funding



California Homeland Security Director Matthew Bettenhausen announced \$40 million dollars toward improving Port Security in the state. The funds come from voter- approved Prop 1B, a measure which Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger strongly advocated to improve infrastructure, security, and public safety.

The Governor and his Office of Homeland Security (OHS), led by director Matthew Bettenhausen, have worked extensively with the State Legislature to increase funding to secure California's ports.

"From day one I have said that public safety is my number one priority. That is why I championed Proposition 1B and added security funds to the measure for port and transportation security," said Governor Schwarzenegger.

"We must continue our efforts to upgrade the state's security infrastructure to protect lives and the economy of California."

One billion of the nearly 20 billion dollars approved will be allocated to enhance security and safety in the ports and mass transit systems. California voters approved Proposition 1B in November of 2006, which enacted the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006. California's ports handle nearly half of the nation's containerized goods.

"The threat to our port system is one of the most fundamental challenges we face," said Director Matthew Bettenhausen. "The threat to California's economy is very real if our port system is

vulnerable to a terrorist attack. I applaud the Governor for his vision as we work to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism or natural disaster."

"Ensuring our ports' security is vital to a vibrant economy and will help keep California competitive on a global stage," said Business, Transportation and Housing Agency Secretary Dale E. Bonner. "Over a million jobs are directly attributable to our ports, which serve as a lifeline to international trade. Better and more efficient security will allow the ports to maintain and grow their customer base while protecting these jobs and enhancing safety."

Under the 2007/2008 current year budget, Proposition 1B allocates a total of \$40 million dollars to the eleven (11) ports in California's system.

News conferences to announce the awards took place on Thursday, February 14 at the Port of Long Beach and Friday, February 15 at the Oakland port.

The Governor's Office of Homeland Security is charged with administering the Prop 1B funds. It's part of California's

strategies to protect its 37 million residents from man-made or natural disaster. Prop 1B funding will supplement the nearly \$171 million coming to California in 2008 from Federal Department of Homeland Security Grants funding.

California Port Allocations

Humboldt Harbor	\$ 586,500
Hueneme	\$ 2,461,848
Long Beach	\$ 8,368,345
Los Angeles	\$10,066,000
Oakland	\$ 3,800,000
Redwood City	\$ 451,480
Richmond	\$ 3,404,507
Sacramento	\$ 1,026,728
San Diego	\$ 2,550,000
San Francisco	\$ 3,117,512
Stockton	\$ 4,167,080



At the Port of Oakland, OHS Director Matthew Bettenhausen announces over \$15 million to improve port security in Northern California.



Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, OHS Director Bettenhausen, Councilwoman Janice Hahn and Mayor Bob Foster at a press conference announcing over \$18 million to enhance port security in Los Angeles and Long Beach.

Governor Schwarzenegger Applauds Dramatic Increase in Federal Funding for Homeland Security



Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger announced on February 4, 2008 that California will see a dramatic increase in port security funding as well as millions more for transit security under allocations by the federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS). In addition, the Riverside area is now eligible for homeland security funding with new guidelines by DHS.

The Governor and his Office of Homeland Security (OHS), led by director OHS Matthew Bettenhausen, have been heavily involved in pushing Congress and DHS for California's fair share of this funding for port security, considering California ports handle nearly half the nation's containerized goods.

California's share of the Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) for fiscal year 2008 (FY '08) increased to almost \$65 million, up dramatically from \$32 million in 2007. The state's share is about one-sixth of the total national allocation of \$388 million dollars.

Funding from the Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) for California also saw a significant increase. California will receive more than \$41.5 million dollars in FY '08, up \$6 million from \$31.5 million in FY '07. In addition, transit agencies in San Diego and Sacramento will be eligible for a portion of \$38 million in available grant funding.

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) also announced grant guidance for

several other programs. Of note is the addition of the Riverside standard metropolitan statistical area (including the cities of Riverside, San Bernardino and Ontario) to the list of urban areas eligible for Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) funds. \$781 million will be divided among the nation's urban areas under this program. Tier One cities like Los Angeles and San Francisco will compete for a portion of \$430 million, while Tier Two cities (53 total, now including the Riverside area) will compete for a share of about \$352 million.

The Los Angeles and San Francisco Bay areas are also eligible for additional funding this fiscal year (FY'08) under the Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant program (RCPG).

Specifically, the port areas of Los Angeles-Long Beach, San Francisco, and San Diego will receive \$64,822,000 combined for port security improvements. In addition Port Hueneme is eligible to apply for grant funding from a national total of \$19 million.

California transit systems in the Bay Area and Los Angeles-Orange County will receive \$41.5 million in mass transit grants.

Systems in San Diego and Sacramento are eligible to submit projects to compete for \$38.8 million in available funding nationwide for these smaller mass transit systems.

Port Security Grants	
LA/Long Beach:	\$36,390,481
Bay Area:	\$25,533,655
San Diego:	\$2,898,611
Mass Transit Grants	
Bay Area:	\$28,259,722
LA/Orange Co.:	\$13,333,679

Director Bettenhausen Encourages California Fire Departments to Apply for Federal 2008 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

US-DHS announced the application period for (FY) 2008 Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG). Applications will begin being accepted March 3, 2008 and must be received by DHS no later than April 4, 2008. AFG grants will award \$500 million to fire departments throughout the national and will be distributed in phases throughout FY 2008. California's total award will depend upon the number of applications received.

The primary goal of the AFG is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical services organizations. AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards. The Grant Programs Directorate of the Federal Emergency Management Agency administers the grants in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration.

"The money from these grants will serve to improve the safety of the firefighters and enhance their ability to protect the public from hazards," said Matthew Bettenhausen, Director of the California Office of Homeland Security. "These types of grants are especially beneficial to small and rural fire departments. I encourage

departments throughout California to review the grant information and to submit applications for critical programs which might not be funded through other sources."

In FY 07 California fire departments received 142 AFG grant awards totaling \$17.8 million. Since the beginning of the AFG awards in 2001, California departments have received over \$147 million dollars to support firefighting needs.

Eligible applicants for the FY 2008 AFG are limited to fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service (EMS) organizations. Two separate applications by fire agencies may be submitted in: Operations and Safety Program Area and Vehicle Acquisition Program Area.

Fire Departments and local governments interested in applying for AFG grants can find more detailed information at the websites listed below or may contact the grants Help Desk at 1-866-274-0960 or email to: firegrants@dhs.gov.

AFG: www.firegrantsupport.com
 US Fire Administration: www.usfa.fema.gov
 DHS Grants Directorate: www.grants.gov

President's FY2009 Budget Proposal

On February 4, 2008, the President unveiled his proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2009. The proposal calls for a seven percent increase in funding for the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), but would cut funding for grant programs benefiting state and local first-responders nearly in half to \$2.2 billion, down from \$4.1 billion in FY 2008.

If this proposal were adopted, states would see cuts to homeland security funding across the board. The most dramatic would be the proposed \$750 million reduction, down 79 percent from FY 2008, in State Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) funding. A cutback in this program, which provides grants to first responders to help them prevent, prepare for, and respond to an act of terrorism or other emergencies, could significantly impact states' abilities to continue to reduce risk and shore up protection mechanisms through investments in homeland security related programs and projects.

In addition to the significant reduction in state homeland security funding, the President's budget calls for the elimination of the Department of Justice's (DOJ) State Criminal Alien Assistance

Program (SCAAP) - a program that provides reimbursement to state and local government for the incarceration of undocumented immigrants. This program is vital for California, who has a large immigrant population, and currently receives roughly 40 percent of its funding. Moreover, the budget would slash the DOJ's Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program from \$410 million in FY 2008 to \$4 million for FY 2009. The COPS program awards grants to tribal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to hire and train community policing professionals, acquire and deploy cutting-edge crime-fighting technologies, and develop and test innovative policing strategies.

In the months ahead, we will be working with our Congressional delegation and local partners to ensure the appropriate level of federal resources are allocated to help our communities prevent, prepare for, respond to and quickly recover from both intentional and natural disasters.



The President's Proposed Budget vs. Last Year's Enacted Budget

GRANT PROGRAM	FY 2009 Proposal	FY 2008 Enacted
Urban Area Security Initiative	\$825,000,000	\$820,000,000
State Homeland Security Grant Program	\$200,000,000	\$950,000,000
Emergency Management Performance Grants	\$200,000,000	\$300,000,000
Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program SAFER Port Security Grants	\$300,000,000	\$750,000,000
Port Security Grants	\$210,000,000	\$400,000,000
Transit Security Grants	\$175,000,000	\$400,000,000

Governor Schwarzenegger Urges Congress to Restore Funding for the Byrne/Justice Assistance Grant Program

The FY08 Omnibus Appropriations bill cut the Byrne/Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) program at the US Department of Justice by 67 percent, from \$520 million in FY07 to \$170 million in FY08, an all-time low. The Byrne/Jag program provides funding to law enforcement agencies across the nation and is the cornerstone for combatting crime and keeping our communities safe.

In a letter to the Chairs and Ranking Members of the Appropriations Committee (<http://gov.ca.gov/press-release/8630/>), the Governor urged Congress to reinstate critical Byrne/JAG funding which supports efforts of local police and sheriffs' departments, mainly centered on fighting violence and drugs and supporting crime victims. Byrne/JAG funds are intended to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime, and efforts in California have led directly to the arrests of thousands of offenders and the seizures of thousands of weapons and millions of

dollars in assets. Some of these efforts include California's drug enforcement efforts and the success of its anti-drug abuse multi-jurisdictional task forces throughout the state. Such a drastic reduction in funding could seriously endanger these task forces, or at best, greatly hinder their progress.

All terrorist organizations need to generate funds to sustain their violent activities and resort to illegal activities to support their operations. Drug trafficking is most often the illegal means for raising this money. Methamphetamine remains one of the top four drugs seized in the United States; and according to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, 76 percent of methamphetamine seizures are now occurring at California ports of entry. In addition, San Diego and Imperial counties remain a principal transshipment zone for a variety of drugs smuggled in from Mexico, which is then transported and distributed throughout the United States.

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OHS Professional Profile: Brian Keith Deputy Director, Critical Infrastructure Protection

Brian L. Keith, 37, from Clinton, Maryland is currently appointed as Deputy Director for Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's Office of Homeland Security (OHS). As Deputy Director for Critical Infrastructure Protection, Brian is responsible for the implementation of California's Infrastructure Protection Plans, Programs and Directives. Prior to his appointment as Deputy Director for Critical Infrastructure Protection, Brian served as Deputy Director of Grants Management for OHS since June of 2005. As Deputy Director of Grants Management, Brian was responsible for the oversight of over \$1.5 billion in homeland security grant funds for the state of California.

Prior to his service with OHS, Brian served for one year as the Preparedness Officer within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP). As a Preparedness Officer for ODP Brian was primarily responsible for the oversight of over \$242 million in federal homeland security grant funds that were awarded to the state of California for terrorism preparedness, prevention, response, and

recovery. In addition to providing grants management oversight to California, while working for ODP Brian served as the primary liaison between state, county, and local first responder entities to ensure that grant funds were allocated and spent in accordance with federal guidelines as well as the state's homeland security strategy.

Before joining ODP, Brian worked for one year as a Senior Program Specialist for the California Office of Emergency Service's (OES) Criminal Justice Programs Division (CJPD) and for two years as a Criminal Justice Specialist for the Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP). In this capacity, Brian was responsible for the oversight of over \$20 million in federal grant funds allocated to California for Law Enforcement, Substance Abuse, and Anti-terrorism programs which were sub-awarded to state and local law enforcement and corrections agencies.



New dates scheduled for the OHS Conference!

California Office of Homeland Security Annual Conference
"Managing the Threats of Today and Tomorrow"
May 28-30, 2008
at the Desert Springs JW Marriott

Please check out our website
www.ohs.ca.gov for further details.

